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War paint



Staff Sgt. Bryan Hawk, 12th Flying Training Wing, paints a camouflage pattern on Gregory Hall's face during Operation Families Learning About Global Support June 9 in front of the family support center. To read more about Operation FLAGS, see the feature story on pages 16-17. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

Eighty-three staff, technical sergeants to earn next stripe

Hundreds of Randolph Airmen and civilians gathered at the enlisted club Thursday after work to honor the 83 Randolph staff and technical sergeants who were selected for promotion.

The Air Force selected 4,613 of 23,230 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 19.85 percent selection rate; and 6,904 of 41,186 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 16.76 percent selection rate.

Randolph's selectees are:

- To master sergeant**
12th Flying Training Wing
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New visitors' center opens Monday

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

After almost two years, the final piece to the main gate construction project is complete – the visitors' center.

Workers were busy finishing the last of the landscaping this week and installing the last of the furniture inside the building. The base will hold an official ribbon cutting ceremony today at 2 p.m.

"We're excited about getting to move out of the

temporary trailer where we've been," said Master Sgt. Joann Krafft, 12th Security Forces Squadron visitor center NCO in charge. "Our customers will really be pleased with the new facility."

Sergeant Krafft said the visitors' center includes a computer system at which customers sign in that will show their name on a waiting list on a monitor on the wall. The center has a plasma screen television for visitors to watch the base commander's access channel or Air Force News while they wait. Parking for visitors is also improved over what was formerly available.

The sergeant said the building has some nice features the staff can appreciate as well.

"For our own staff, we have a good break room and the work stations are well lit," she said walking around the new facility. "This is a good place to be assigned."

Starting Monday, the center will be open to process applications for vehicle registration and access to the base, and provide general information from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During other hours, the gate guards will issue passes and answer questions.

12th Flying Training Wing Training Status									
Pilot Instructor Training <small>As of Monday</small>			Navigator, EWO Students				Wing Flying Hour Program		
			562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown Annual
Squadron	Seniors	Overall	CSO/NFO		CSO	Graduate EWO			
99th FTS	0.6	1.4	USAF	257	OPS	International	T-1A	7435.5	7585.0 10,725
558th FTS	0.9	-1.2	Navy	34	Advanced EW	EWC Course	T-6A	11890.8	12167.1 17,196
559th FTS	-16.0	-0.9	International	8	Integration	Intro to EW	T-37B	3857.8	4045.6 5,796
560th FTS	0.0	0.7	Total in Training	291			T-38C	6751.5	6879.9 9,937
<small>Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.</small>			<small>Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.</small>				<small>The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2005 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2006.</small>		
							T-43	2635.3	2608.8 3,982

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Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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DUI UPDATE

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March 18, 2006

Father's Day: A day of remembrance

By Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Father's Day is a day most dads think of as a day to sleep in, get breakfast in bed and be pampered the entire day. Some will go fishing or golfing without fear of "mom" rebuking them. Many others will be taken out to dinner by their wife and kids.

But, for a few of us, it is a time of remembrance and giving thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy sleeping in and having a nice meal as much as the next man, but I also place the meaning of the day in its proper context – giving thanks for the loving father and children the Lord blessed me with.

I didn't really appreciate my father as much as I should have until I was in my early 20s and had joined the Air Force. It was then I began to understand the reason he had driven his values, morals and ethical convictions into the very fiber of my being.

He had spent 20-plus years in the Air Force himself and never once suggested I join, yet supported me

when I did. It wasn't until after I graduated from basic training and the Security Police Academy that I remember him telling me, for the first time, how proud he was of me. I'm sure he had said it before, but it had never been as emotional and heartfelt as that day.

Soon I met my wife, and, eventually, we had two boys of our own. During each birth, I almost lost her and each son due to complications. The oldest one remained in the hospital for eight days before coming home and the youngest one for eight weeks.

I praised God each time for blessing me with a beautiful, healthy child.

Yes, they were born with complications, but each had 10 toes, 10 fingers and didn't require surgery – to me, that was healthy.

Through the years, I have found myself instilling my father's values, morals and ethical principles upon my sons. And, at the same time, truly understanding the reasons my father did the same to my brother and I.

I have also found myself becoming more and more like my father each year. When I was younger, I would have considered this traitorous to my

generation and virtually impossible to do. Now, I find it comforting and "the right thing to do."

I remember a sermon once in church, where the pastor said "a good parent is not judged on how well their child turns out, but on how well their grandchildren turn out."

Unfortunately, my father passed away several years ago from cancer attributed to Agent Orange exposure; received during one of his tours in Vietnam. He was able to visit with my oldest son many times and reinforce those values and ideals he had taught me. My youngest one only saw him once, a month before he died.

Now, I find myself each Father's Day reflecting on how much I appreciate what my father did for me. And, I'm glad I was able to tell him that before he passed away.

My children may be too young to be able to understand or judge how well he did as a parent. But, I believe he did an outstanding job, and I pray one day I will be able to look at my grandchildren and know I did as well as him.

Thanks dad, and happy Father's Day.

Take action to prevent 'growing' problem

By Capt. Fe Lobo-Menendez
20th Medical Support Squadron

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFPN) – It was just two months ago when I sat in my friend's living room sharing pictures from her past. It was her high school year book, 1967, and something very striking caught my eye.

"Wow, all of you were skinny!"

My friend laughed, and staring at the picture responded, "You are right, I had not thought or noticed it." Not one adolescent in her senior class appeared overweight.

After enjoying and sharing a few snap shots of her past, we said our goodbyes and I left to pick up my children from school. Arriving at their high school with my friend's yearbook pictures still vivid in my mind, I was shocked to observe that many of the children walking out of school, gathering by the bus stop, walking to their cars or waiting for a ride, were overweight. These adolescents represent the pool of potential recruits comprising the future of our armed forces.

It's not uncommon for adults to hear and even say, "When I was a kid, I could eat anything and not gain a pound." Yet as adults it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain an ideal weight.

It's an alarming fact that the average American adult gains

"A recent article published by the Associated Press, 'Are U.S. Troops Too Fat to Fight?,' illustrates the overweight trends of the active and reserve components as well as the weight issues plaguing new accessions into military service."

at least 2 pounds per year over his or her lifetime. This means that a hypothetical 18-year-old weighing 150 pounds could weigh 274 pounds by age 80, almost double his or her weight.

While this example is overly simplistic, it does illustrate a disturbing trend about the declining health of our country's population. Perhaps even more concerning, we are not just maturing toward obesity, but obesity is increasing among our children.

The obesity epidemic is a public health concern and is

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Col. Maurice Kilpatrick, Jr.
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SNACKO duty teaches leadership

By Lt. Col. Michael Pipan
558th Flying Training Squadron
commander

“SNACKO is the most important job you’ll have in the U.S. Air Force.” Those words spoken to me nearly 20 years ago are still true today. The squadron SNACKO, or snack bar officer, is the most thankless, yet one of the most important duties in a flying unit. If you are unfamiliar with this term, substitute any of the unpleasant duties that are sloughed off on the new guy as soon as he walks in the door. Here are the lessons I learned during my SNACKO tour that have served me well:

- Integrity first. SNACKOs get their first taste of responsibility by scrupulously managing the unit fund with no one watching. They do the right thing in small matters, and therefore earn responsibility for great ones.
- Service Before Self. The squadron common areas are always sparkling clean on Monday morning despite whatever took place on Friday



afternoon. Why? Because the SNACKO was in on Saturday morning with a broom and a bucket.

- Excellence. Consequences of failure as a SNACKO are immediate, severe and public. SNACKOs learn not only that their job is important, but that no matter how seemingly inconsequential their acts, they have far-reaching consequences. Even the small jobs are important. Remember, it’s excellence in all we do, not just what we like.
- You are part of a team. SNACKOs succeed because they recognize it’s not a one-person job. They cajole, inspire and lead their teammates – the other lieutenants – to accomplish the mission.
- Even the new guy can be a leader. The SNACKO builds a team, executes and directly affects squadron morale. “CINCSNACKO” gains respect and influence well beyond his rank.
- Have a thick skin. You can’t please everyone, nor should you try. SNACKOs get a lot of feedback, mostly negative, and quite a few taskings, most universally unpleasant, but they press on guided by the core values and are personally driven to accomplish the mission.
- There’s never enough. There is never enough time, money, help, soda in the commissary or lighting in the lounge. SNACKOs learn to deal

with limited resources.

- You will make mistakes. Sometimes negative feedback is right. A frank and honest debrief only makes us as an Air Force better. SNACKOs screw up, recognize it, learn from it then drive on.
- Don’t play “I’ve got a secret.” If the SNACKO doesn’t know, he finds the right person and asks. When the next new guy arrives, he provides the data dump and helps the new SNACKO succeed. The Air Force calls this mentoring.
- Results matter. SNACKOs learn to be top one-percenters. Elaborate explanations for why something can not be done get no traction. When everyone from the commander on down sees the coffee is burned, ants are on the counter and the trash cans are overflowing, it’s a dark day for not only the SNACKO but the rest of the lieutenants as well. SNACKOs execute!

SNACKO was the most important job I ever had. The learning curve was steep and the standards high, but the lessons stuck. A superstar SNACKO is a future senior leader.

Take action

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being increasingly publicized in the media and by our military leaders. A recent article published by the Associated Press, “Are U.S. Troops Too Fat to Fight?,” illustrates the overweight trends of the active and reserve components as well as the weight issues plaguing new accessions into military service. This article claims that 20 percent of all male recruits and 40 percent of female recruits are too heavy to enter the military. So, recruits are being told to lose weight and reapply.

Data from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine indicates that 58.4 percent of Soldiers, age 21 and older, are overweight by federal standards, and 36.5 percent of Soldiers age 20 and younger do not meet the body mass index standard. This epidemic will certainly have a negative impact not only on individuals, but on society as a whole. Besides the increased risk for numerous chronic diseases and their socioeconomic impact on the nation, the inability to maintain a fit force could add a heavy burden to the military ranks. On Jan. 1, 2004, then Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper implemented the Fit to Fight Program. This program is not just designed to pass an annual

physical fitness test, but to change the culture of the Air Force and make fitness part of an Airman’s lifestyle. Since implementation, commanders and senior NCOs, who play a key role in enforcing the new fitness standards and embracing this change in culture, have overseen an approximate 80-percent pass rate compared to 69 percent before implementation Air Force-wide. So you might ask yourself, “what can I do to stop the trend?” It is time for everyone to get involved. We have to lead our troops to a healthier, fit lifestyle. All of us have to sell exercise and good diet to our Airmen. This will ensure the U.S. military maintains its legacy as the fastest, leanest and most powerful military in the world.

NEWS

Joggers impeding morning traffic near golf course

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Air Force physical training program requires Airmen to run a mile and a half. To run this distance in as short a time as possible requires a lot of training and practice. The middle of the day in the hot summer is not ideal for most joggers, leaving the early morning hours as the timeframe in which most Airmen train. But with hundreds of people running beyond the jogging path and along the East Perimeter Road through the golf course and past Eberle Park, the road often becomes congested, creating a safety hazard and making joggers vulnerable to vehicles that are also using the road. Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Linville, 12th Flying Training Wing safety office, said that jogging on base roads poses some problems. “When joggers bunch up and take up the full width of the road, trouble is just seconds away,” he said. “Sure, we can assume cars are going no more than the speed limit and drivers always have the option to go slower. But the problem comes when runners make sudden moves or stumble just when the drivers are expecting to have some room to pass the runners.” The safety representative recommends those people running as a unit or group have someone be a traffic monitor. That person can then call out to the group to move when vehicles are approaching. If running along



Vehicles and joggers compete for space on the East Perimeter Road past Eberle Park. The hazards of mixing road traffic and physical training poses safety challenges that require constant attention by everyone in the area. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

a road, joggers should also run on the side of approaching traffic, so cars don’t sneak up on them from behind. Joggers are also reminded that they are not authorized to wear headphones while running on base unless they are on the designated jogging trail, said fitness center officials. The road in front of the golf course building is not part of the jogging trail. “We don’t want to report a vehicle-pedestrian accident here, especially during the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign,” Sergeant Linville said. Plans are being made for an additional running track on base and improvements to existing ones, said John Howry, the new base landscape architect, but there is no dateline as to when the plans will take shape as of yet. To see the map of designated running trails, stop by the fitness center in Hangar 70.

Tool time



Brig. Gen. Thomas Owen (right), Air Education and Training Command A4/7, talks with Ron Bartels, 12th Maintenance Directorate, during the general's visit to the 12th MXD Tool Accountability System section Tuesday. The Directorate's Sortie Support Branch manages more than 40,000 items used in maintaining the five dissimilar aircraft on Randolph. The TAS gives the branch a fully automated system for issuing, controlling and replacing every tool and expendable item used by the aircraft mechanics, while at the same time permitting a substantial reduction in the number of people required to manage this part of the operation. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

NEWS BRIEFS

Stage one water restrictions in effect

Randolph officially initiated stage one water restrictions Sunday.

Under stage one, the following restrictions apply:

- Landscape watering is permitted only two days a week between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Even numbered street addresses may water on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Odd numbered addresses may water on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Washing or rinsing impervious outdoor ground covering, such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks, is prohibited unless for health or safety reasons.
- Privately owned vehicles may only be washed on the designated landscapes. Base residents are encouraged to wash cars no more than twice a month.

Unless there is significant rainfall throughout the San Antonio area, it is likely the base will be in stage two restrictions by the end of the month, said base civil engineers.

560th FTS change of command

Lt. Col. Ronald Perrilloux takes command of the 560th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Kevin Manion during a ceremony June 23 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 4.

Housing requirements survey

The Randolph housing office requests all service members complete a voluntary Web-based survey about their housing requirements. The results of the survey will help to make a housing forecast for the local area for the next five years.

Members living on or off base are asked to complete the 15-minute survey by going to <http://www.airforce-housingsurvey.us>.

At the welcome screen, select Randolph from the pull-down menu and enter the password rand6947 (case sensitive). The survey will not retain any personally identifiable information.

For more information, call Bette McAndrew, 652-3334.

Trespass notice

The base firing range, Building 1298, located on the southeast corner of the base, is off limits to unauthorized personnel. Trespassing is illegal and dangerous because of gunfire.

RV lot has new lock

The Randolph recreational vehicle storage lot has a new lock. Those eligible to use the lot can pick up a new key at the housing office.

Writing for Promotion classes

People can sign up for one of two "Writing for Promotion" classes offered June 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to noon in Building 399, Room B-35.

The course focuses on constructing effective bullets for performance reports and award packages.

Seating is limited. To reserve a seat, e-mail Master Sgt. Christopher Lantagne at christopher.lantagne@randolph.af.mil.

Airmen can check personal data

All active duty, guard and reserve Airmen can check the Air Force Personnel Center Web site to see if their personal data was compromised in the recent Veterans administration data theft.

The Web site is located at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

For the latest information on this issue, visit <http://www.firstgov.gov>.

SRB changes for 14 specialties

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Air Force officials have announced changes to the selective re-enlistment bonus program.

A message from Headquarters Air Force, dated May 24, 2006, indicated changes to the program for 14 Air Force Specialty Codes. Those changes follow a thorough review of the SRB program, and are part of the Air Force's ongoing force-shaping effort, the message said.

Changes were made to the following selective re-enlistment bonuses:

- Added, effective June 1, 2006:
- 1C6X1, Zone A, 2.0 (space systems operations)
 - 1N2X1, Zone A, 2.0 (communications signals intelligence production)
 - 3E9X1, Zone A, 1.5; Zone B, 1.0; Zone C, 1.0 (readiness)
 - 3P0X1A/B, Zone A, 2.0 (security forces)
 - 4J0X2, Zone A, 1.0 (physical medicine)
- Reduced, effective July 1, 2006:

- 1A2X1, Zone A, 2.5 (loadmaster)
 - 1A3X1, Zone A, 3.5 (airborne communications and electronic systems)
 - 1A4X1, Zone A, 2.0; Zone B, 2.0 (airborne battle management)
 - 1C5X1D, Zone A, 3.0 (aerospace control and warning systems)
 - 1N3X2A, Zone A, 4.5; Zone B, 4.0 (romance cryptologic linguist)
 - 1N3X3A/D, Zone A, 4.5; Zone B, 4.0 (Slavic cryptologic linguist)
 - 1W0X1, Zone B, 1.0 (weather)
 - 9L0X0, Zone B, 5.0 (interpreter/translator)
- Removed, effective July 1, 2006:
- 2E2X1, All (communication, network, switching and crypto systems)
- For more information on the SRB changes, visit the AFPC Website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

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Base honors Army Air Corps enlisted pilots

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Top Three hosted a luncheon Tuesday to honor the Army Air Corps Enlisted Pilots and their legacy.

About 190 people attended the luncheon at the enlisted club, including 17 former enlisted pilots, many of them with their spouses.

"We have too long neglected the heritage of the enlisted pilots," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, as he welcomed the former enlisted pilots in attendance. "Their contributions were significant, but even more, the heritage they left us of selfless service is another tremendous example of the kind of people who went before us."

Displayed at the event were a series of posters, designed by the 12th Communications Squadron multi-

media flight, to tell the story of the enlisted pilots.

Retired Brig. Gen. Edwin Wenglar, guest speaker at the luncheon, was one of the "flying sergeants" featured. He graduated in Class 42G at Luke Field, Ariz., in July 1942.

His assignments took him to many bases in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. When it was offered, he accepted a commission, as did many of the other flying sergeants.

In the years after the war, he spent his military career flying with the Air Force Reserves, including duty as the Central Air Force vice commander.

Joking about his slow shuffle as he walked to the podium, General Wenglar said, "Seventy years ago in high school they used to call me 'Speedy' but not any more."

Most of the former enlisted pilots in the audience completed their flight training in 1942, when they were less than 21 years old. Now, all in their mid-80s, they still show a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

The pilots were seated separately so they could talk directly with small circles of active duty Airmen. Talk flowed easily at the tables, but the younger generation showed great respect to the men of what is sometimes called the "greatest generation."

General Wenglar turned the compliments around when he said, "You people in the service today are the backbone of this country."

Another special guest at the luncheon was former



People gather around one of three Ford Shelby muscle cars displayed by designer Carroll Shelby in the parking lot at the Enlisted Pilots Heritage Luncheon Tuesday at the enlisted club. Mr. Shelby earned his wings as an enlisted pilot in 1942 before he became a successful race car driver and designer. (Photos by Bob Hieronymus)



Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page (right), 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, talks with Allen Chaffin, a World War II enlisted pilot, at the enlisted pilots luncheon Tuesday.

enlisted pilot Carroll Shelby. After the war, he went on to become a well-known racecar driver and for many years worked with the Ford Motor Company to design the Shelby Mustang.

He brought three of the famous Shelbys in a large semi-trailer and displayed them in the parking lot. A crowd of car enthusiasts examined the famous cars.

When he enlisted in 1941, Mr. Shelby drove a crash truck on the Randolph flight line until he volunteered for flight school.

"That's how I got to go to the new flight school for enlisted pilots," he said.

Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander, closed the luncheon with profound thanks to the enlisted pilots in the room.

"Today we had some great Americans here on Randolph," he said. "They gave us both a legacy and a foundation to build on. They showed us what it's like to step up to do the job when the country needed them. That's leadership."

Randolph personnelist earns Silver Beaver award

Boy Scouts of America honors AFPC civilian with volunteer award

By Janet Grafe
Contributing writer

A Randolph civilian was recently presented the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America Alamo Area Council – the highest honor bestowed upon an adult volunteer.

Ron Clavette of the Air Force Personnel Center volunteers much of his time as the Boy Scout Cherokee District Commissioner.

With more than 20 years of scouting experience, Mr. Clavette said he has seen the positive impact scouting has on young boys and is proud to be apart of it.

"I've seen boys' lives change during a weekend campout or canoe trip," Mr. Clavette said. "Boy Scouts provides a healthy, safe environment for boys to grow in."

John Coyle, Alamo Area Council Scout executive, said the Silver Beaver Award is given in recognition of significant service to the local council over many years.

Mr. Clavette directed Cub Scout Day Camp and worked on the staff of the Merit Badge University and Winter Merit Badge Camp.

He has served as a cubmaster, scoutmaster, venturing associate advisor, committee chair and district advancement chair. He also completed wood badge training and received the Commissioner's Arrowhead Award and the District Award of Merit.



Ron Clavette, Air Force Personnel Center, teaches his 12-year-old son, Shane, about duty to God and Country as he spends time as a volunteer leader for the local Cherokee District of the Boy Scouts of America. (Photo by Janet Grafe)

Mr. Clavette is an active participant in Boy Scout Troop 300, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Seguin. In volunteer service to the church, he has served as a Sunday school leader, ward clerk, elders quorum president and employment specialist.

He has been in civil service for 31 years and prior to

that, he served four years in the Marine Corps.

Mr. Clavette said he has gained a lot from his time spent with the scouts including a great way to bond with his two sons, Shane, 12, and Liam, 9.

Shane said he likes scouting because it gives him a chance to camp with his dad. He enjoys being surrounded by nature and hanging out with the friends he's made through scouting.

"Camping teaches me to take care of myself and be more independent," Shane said. "I've done a lot of merit badges, but my favorites were nuclear science, swimming and photography."

With more than 120 merit badges to choose from, Mr. Clavette said his son has learned a lot from scouting.

"I've seen Shane's self confidence and esteem grow as he's achieved the different rank advances and overcome the challenges set in front of him," Mr. Clavette said. "Scouting makes it easy for me. All I have to do is bring him to the events and be with him. Being with my son is very important. When I put on the uniform and am there at the meetings, it tells him nonverbally that this is important. It's saved me a thousand words."

Five other volunteers also received the Silver Beaver Award from the Alamo Area Council, which selected them out of the 7,000 adult volunteers working with 25,000 registered scouts in the council's 13-county area.

Receiving the award made Mr. Clavette pause to take stock of his scout activities and the purpose of his service. He said he appreciates the recognition and hopes to continue working with scouts for a long time.

"I'm not in it for an award," he said. "I'm in it for the boys."

OPERATION FLAGS



Staff Sgt. Gloria Heasley (left), 12th Flying Training Wing, and her assistant McKenzie Mitchell, watch children do pushups as part of the Operation Families Learning about Global Support obstacle course June 9. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

Darnell Edmonds II holds up the rally point sign for his Operation FLAGS squadron the Razorbacks.



Military children get glimpse into deployment preparation

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

More than 180 military children gathered outside the family support center with ID cards, dog tags and mobility bags in hand June 9 eager to get a glimpse into what their mothers and fathers do when they get ready to deploy.

The mission, Operation Families Learning About Global Support, required the recruits to process through a life-like mobility line, try on various equipment, test their strengths in an obstacle course and climb into the cockpits of real aircraft.

"Our goal was to help the children understand some of what goes on when their loved one is preparing for a deployment and maybe eliminate some of the stress they may feel in the process," said Master Sgt. Todd Remington, installation personnel and family readiness manager. "Hopefully if we can eliminate some of the stress on the families back home that could spread to their family

members downrange."

With about 185 children and 55 adults participating in Operation FLAGS, this was the base's biggest turnout in the last four years.

"We were really happy with this year's attendance," said Sergeant Remington. "We were able to reach a lot of families and I've heard nothing but positive remarks from those who attended and helped with the event."

Staff Sgt. Alicia Mitchell, who attended Operation FLAGS with her 5-year-old

daughter McKenzie, said it was a great experience for both of them.

"McKenzie knows her dad is fighting in a war and she understands that; however, she doesn't understand what he goes through and this is a good example for her," said Sergeant Mitchell.

The children started out the day filing through a line at the family support center at which they were issued an Operation FLAGS ID card, dog tags and a pillow case to be used as their mobility bag. They were also divided

Senior Airman Tabitha McKinnon, 12th Mission Support Squadron, puts some candy in Shayla Holmes' deployment bag after checking her ID card and dog tags on the Operation FLAGS mobility processing line. Airman 1st Class Richard Langlois (middle) and Capt. Beth Hart also represented the 12th MSS on the processing line.





Youth center group leaders Andre Cherry (left) and Kory Taylor (middle) help Dashawn Hayes put on a gask mask at the deployment center.

into three chalks – Phantom, Razorback and Foxtrot – so they could rotate between three locations.

The event officially kicked off with a welcome from the 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander and command chief master sergeant followed by a military working dog team demonstration outside. Afterward, the groups split off into their respective chalks.

The first team processed through a modified deployment line which included representatives from the military equal

opportunity office, base chapel, finance, family support center, 12th Medical Group and military personnel flight. The children also received a child-friendly intelligence briefing on Iraq and got to try on some mobility gear such as chemical warfare masks, flak vests and helmets.

At the second stop, participants got to see the T-38 Talon, T-6 Texan II and T-37 Tweet.

Finally children rallied back at the family support center, where they got to see a security forces weapons display, fire

department demonstration and go through an obstacle course. Those children who were really in the warrior mode could also get their faces painted in camouflage.

At the very end, the participants and volunteers gathered inside the family support center for free hotdogs, chips and drinks.

“I just want to thank everyone who came out and helped put this thing together,” said Sergeant Remington. “This was definitely our biggest and best Operation FLAGS yet.”



Airman Kyle Bailey, 12th Mission Support Group, performs a fire department demonstration for children.



Maj. Willie Dorris, 560th Flying Training Squadron, tells Evan Basha (middle) and Justin Lee about the T-38 Talon.



Staff Sgt. Tammy Evans



Unit: Air Force Recruiting Service
Duty Title: Systems administrator
Hometown: Wiesbaden, Germany
Hobbies: Spending time with family, reading and swimming
Goals: To finish my degree
Greatest Accomplishment: Besides my family, I'm still waiting for God's purpose for me
Personal Inspiration: God and family
Personal Motto: "This too shall pass."
Pet Peeve: Hateful and ignorant people

Commander's Comments: Sergeant Evans is an exceptional junior noncommissioned officer whose positive infectious attitude reflects in everything she does. No matter how big or little the tasking, she completes the job successfully. Her ability to pull the team together brings cohesiveness to the division. She is a natural leader.

Col Richard Mallick
AFRS Information Systems Division chief

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil. or call her at 652-5760 for details.

Memories of father stay strong after 63 years

By Annette Crawford
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) – She hasn't seen her father since 1943, but the years have done nothing to lessen the admiration and love she feels for him.

"He's been gone 60-something years, but all my sister and I remember is a kind, sweet man," said Margaret Ramey Watkins, speaking of her father, Brig. Gen. Howard K. Ramey.

In January 1943, General Ramey took command of the 5th Bomber Command in New Guinea. The assignment was at Port Moresby on the southeastern shore of the island. The location was coveted by both sides in World War II due to its strategic location near the Coral Sea and South Pacific Ocean.

On March 26, 1943, the 47-year-old general flew a B-17 Flying Fortress from Port Moresby on a reconnaissance mission. The aircraft vanished over the Bismarck Sea. The general and his crew were declared missing in action.

Exactly nine years earlier, on March 26, 1934, then Captain Ramey had been one of 35 American military pilots from World War I who founded the National Order of the Daedalians, a fraternal order of military pilots.

General Ramey was one of four Daedalians honored at the "Spirit of Founders Ceremony" at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio on May 27. Sponsored by the Daedalians' Stinsons Flight No. 2, the ceremony also honored Lt. Gen.



Memorabilia of the life of Brig. Gen. Howard K. Ramey, one of the founding members of the Order of Daedalians, a fraternal order of military pilots. In the center of the photo are the pilot's wings that were handmade for him by a friend.

Barney Giles, Maj. Gen. Warren Carter and Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen.

Mrs. Watkins was 10 when the pilots met at the Ramey home at Maxwell Field, Ala. She knew something special was happening.

"It was exciting; you could just feel it," she said. "All the men, of course, they knew each other so well. In the old air corps there were so few of them."

She still has the songbook that her father and his friends used at their home more than 70 years ago.

"They would gather in the evening and we would hear many of these songs," she said.

The historical significance of those times were lost on her until she grew older.

"I was just a little kid that people would pat on the head and say, 'Hey little Margaret, aren't you a pretty little girl?'"

Paging through a historical book of the Daedalians, Mrs. Watkins looked at the list of the 35 founding members. Running her finger down the list, she read out some of the names with whom she was familiar.

"There was Beau and Blackburn (Capt. Lucus Beau and 1st Lt. Lloyd Blackburn). They were good friends of Dad's. And Eglin... he painted my portrait that's in the back room." That was Capt. Frederick Eglin, namesake of the northwest Florida base.

Mrs. Watkins was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

"She's a southerner because she was born in the south wing," said her husband, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Miles Watkins. The colonel, a proud South Carolinian, is also a member of the Daedalians and served in the Air Force 28 years.

The couple, married 61 years, now lives in Air Force Village I in San Antonio. From their apartment they have an expansive view of the Texas

countryside – the countryside where her father flew as a young pilot.

One of her favorite stories about her father took place just a few miles from her present home.

"He was an instructor pilot at Kelly around 1925 and he sent one of his students off on his solo cross-country flight," she said. "In the process of flying the designated route, he had engine trouble. In those days the planes only had one engine.

"(The student pilot) landed in a pasture of cattle out in west Texas. I'd give anything to know where (that pasture) is. When he didn't appear for several hours, Dad went out after him.

"All the pilots then wore white scarves. When it was cold in the cockpit they'd wrap them around their faces. The student was waving his



Margaret Ramey Watkins reminisces about the man in the portrait, her father, Brig. Gen. Howard K. Ramey. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr.)

scarf and Dad saw him and landed," Mrs. Watkins said.

"He thought he had scared all the livestock away but this one steer changed its mind and ran in front of the plane, and he hit him and killed him. And Dad said when that old rancher came running up with a gun they knew they were in for it.

Mrs. Watkins laughed and said the rancher surprisingly didn't pay any attention to the dead steer.

"The rancher was so glad to have company – he was out in the middle of nowhere. He told Dad if he'd let him know when he was coming to visit he'd make sure the pasture was clear. And so evidently he went out there a number of times. Dad said they used to play chess," she said. "He often brought back hot chili peppers.

"On his next to last visit, Dad told him he was being transferred, and that his next visit would be his last," she said. "And so on his last visit, the old man gave him a set of handmade silver pilot's wings, with his name engraved on the back. I believe he had a silversmith on the property who made them.

Mrs. Watkins, now owner of the wings, held them up for view, the workmanship evident in the finely crafted pin.

"As a child I loved that story," she said. "It was just a good story he told and one I heard many a time."

The general's daughter said her father's legacy was his dedication and daring. She said her father, who was born in Waynesboro, Miss., lived to fly.

"He was a pilot's pilot," she said. "He was known for being an outlaw.

"The first time he saw an airplane,

that was it. He just had to fly. He went to the University of Mississippi a couple of years, but flying was something he had to do."

Colonel and Mrs. Watkins looked over the memorabilia of the general's life – photos, a pilot's log books, certificates and medals. The colonel picked up a photo of General Ramey on the day he was promoted to captain – he's wearing a pair of extremely oversized bars on his shoulders and is laughing.

"There's a story behind that," he said. "He got promoted from first lieutenant to captain, but his monthly pay decreased. That was right after the big bank failures of '29, and the beginning of the Depression. Have you ever known anyone to be promoted and get a cut in pay?"

Mrs. Watkins doesn't hesitate a second when she talks about the last time she saw her father. It is evident in her eyes that this is a scene she has replayed many times.

"Oh yes, I remember. We went to say goodbye to him – my mother and sister and I – he was getting on an airplane. It was dark at Hamilton Field (in Marin County, Calif.) We said the usual goodbyes and he told us to take care of our mother."

Five years after his death, Borinquen Field in Puerto Rico was renamed Ramey Air Force Base in honor of the general.

"Miles once commented that Dad was always smiling when he stood by an airplane," Mrs. Watkins said. "I guess that is because he loved flying."

Walk-off homerun clinches Intramural opener

By Staff Sgt Beth Del Vecchio
Wingspread Staff Writer

At the crack of the bat, stunned Navigators on defense could only track the ball sailing out of Yankee Field as the base’s intramural softball opener ended in exciting fashion Monday.

Jay Pascal trotted around the diamond in heroic fashion, having earned his title as clean-up hitter for the Air Force Recruiting Service, moments after his walk-off, three-run homerun clinched a 12-9 thriller over the 562nd Flying Training Squadron Navigators.

The scrappy Navigators gave the Recruiters all they could handle, and actually jumped out to an early lead when the team scored four runs in the top of the first. However, the Recruiters kept the score close when the team, led by a Michael Johnson homerun, scored three runs in the bottom of the first.

Neither team generated much offense for a while as both went scoreless through the fourth inning. But in the bottom of the fifth, the Recruiters would stake its lead.

With one out, Charles Sparks singled up the middle and Kenneth O’Neal walked. Christian Bolduc then advanced both runners with a sacrifice to the pitcher. With two outs, Johnson rocked the ball deep into left field scoring Sparks. The Navigators’ shortstop Mathew Vogel took the cut off throw from the outfield and gunned it home, but O’Neal safely slid under the tag. The Navigators disputed the call but it stood, giving the Recruiters a 5-4 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Recruiters scored four more runs behind a Sparks homerun, taking a commanding 9-4 lead. That’s when the Navigators’ fans put on their rally caps and watched the offensive fireworks.

With one out and runners on first and second in the top of the seventh inning, Navigators’ Vogel knocked in two runs ripping the ball to the left field fence. Brian Taylor, Christopher Brooks and Kristopher Waechter each followed with clutch hits to tie the game at 9-9.

The Navigators’ took the field motivated to defend, but there was no defense for what would inevitably end the game. With runners on first and third, Pascal cleared the bases as he launched one over the left field fence.



Kenneth O’Neal, Air Force Recruiting Service, is safe after he slides under 562nd catcher Jason Woolfold’s tag in route to a 12-9 win. (Photo by Steve White)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mini biathlon

The fitness center hosts a mini biathlon Saturday at 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. The event consists of a 5- kilometer run and a 10-mile bike ride.

Competitors are divided into six categories based on gender and age. The first 50 people to register receive a water bottle.

To register, call Refia Grant at 652-2955.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of classes during the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, pilates and yoga.

For details, call 652-2955.

Passport to Fitness

The Passport of Fitness program runs now through June 30 at the fitness center. During the event, participants accomplish tasks on a checklist such as

trying out different fitness equipment or taking classes. After an item is complete, a passport stamp is issued. Once a card is full, a prize is awarded.

For details, call 652-2955.

Story ideas needed

The Wingspread staff wants to expand its sports section and would like to highlight physically active members of Team Randolph. If you know someone who fits this description, such as a marathon runner, martial arts instructor or ultimate sports competitor, please send an e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil.

Lap swimming

The south pool offers lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Swimming lessons

Parents can register their children ages 6 weeks and older for swimming lessons at the information, tickets and travel office, Building 897.

The cost is \$25 per session for season pass holders and \$50 per session for all others.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 8-11 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. for two weeks or Saturday from 8-11 a.m. for eight weeks at the south pool.

For more information, call 652-6508.

Golf tournament

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course hosts a Red, White and Blue Tournament July 4 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person.

The driving range closes at 10 a.m. and the clubhouse at 1 p.m. July 4.

For more information, call 652-4653.

Randolph Oaks offers beginners golf class



Charles Bishop goes over proper stroke and set-up techniques with Pat Daniel, Air Force Personnel Center, during a Link Up to Golf session at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. (Photo by Armando Perez)

By Armando Perez
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a new class this summer for the less experienced golfers on base.

The Link Up to Golf program, taught by PGA professional Charles Bishop, teaches golfers the basics of the both the long and short game.

The program costs \$100 per student for 10 hours of group instruction and three on-course sessions to teach the students how to hit the ball long and straight. The course also teaches the basic strokes of the short game including chipping, pitching, sand play and putting mechanics.

Mr. Bishop, who is a certified PGA instructor, has been playing golf for 50 years now and has been a golf pro and teaching professional since 1975.

In 2001, Mr. Bishop started teaching here at Randolph to individuals and groups to further endorse the game of golf for the PGA and relay his passion for the game onto others to help them understand the sport better.

“This new player program makes learning the game simpler and fun,” said Mr. Bishop. “It’s designed for brand new, inexperienced golfers, as well as infrequent and former golfers. Link Up to Golf provides a relaxed learning

atmosphere without the intimidation factor.”

Some of the students currently enrolled in the class have played golf with friends and coworkers recreationally, but wanted to hone their skills.

“I just wanted to learn the basics of golf,” said Pat Daniel of the Air Force Personnel Center. “I’ve been to office and recreation golf events, so I decided to take this class to get better at the game so I can keep up with the rest of the crowd.”

Others in the class have always wanted to try golf and thought taking this class could build their confidence in the sport.

“I’ve heard a lot of good things about Mr. Bishop and his teaching style,” said Courtney Hutt of AFPC. “As someone who has always wanted to try golf, I’m glad I started now with such a great instructor. I’ll definitely recommend him to anyone who wants to try the game themselves.”

Link Up to Golf will be offered throughout the summer with various class times.

To sign-up or for more information, call the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at 652-4653 or contact Charles Bishop at 244-3415.

Mr. Bishop is also available for individual lessons, group outings and offers gift certificates for future lessons.



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